## SENATE BILL 2235

By Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-522, relative to the offense of rape of a child.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-522, is amended by designating the existing language in subsection (b) as (b)(1) and by adding the following language as subsection (b)(2):

(b)(2)

- (A) Notwithstanding the provisions of title 40, chapter 35, a person convicted of a first or subsequent violation of this section shall be punished by a minimum period of imprisonment of twenty-five (25) years. The sentence imposed upon any such person may, if appropriate, exceed twenty-five years but in no case shall it be less than such minimum.
- (B) The provisions of § 39-13-525(a) shall not apply to a person sentenced under this subdivision.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.